

JAMES MCPETERS, ADMINISTRATOR.

Letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of James McPeters, administrator, against The United States.

JANUARY 28, 1896.—Referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be printed.

COURT OF CLAIMS, CLERK'S OFFICE,
Washington, January 27, 1896.

SIR: Pursuant to the order of the court I transmit herewith a certified copy of the findings filed by this court in the aforesaid cause, which case was referred to this court by the Committee on War Claims, House of Representatives, under the act of March 3, 1883.

I am, very respectfully, yours, etc.,

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

HON. THOS. B. REED,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

[Court of Claims. Congressional, No. 4845. Lemuel Corum's estate v. The United States.]

This case, being a claim for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, the court, on a preliminary inquiry, finds that said Lemuel Corum, the person alleged to have furnished such supplies or stores, or from whom the same are alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war. The finding of the commissioners on loyalty is overcome by the evidence. As to claimant's having four sons in the Confederate army, it appears that they all deserted through claimant's influence.

Filed June 27, 1892.

BY THE COURT.

[Court of Claims. Congressional Case No. 4845. James McPeters, administrator estate of Lemuel Corum, deceased, v. The United States.]

STATEMENT OF CASE.

The claim in the above-entitled case for supplies, or stores, alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, was transmitted to the court by the Committee on War Claims of the House of Representatives on the 10th day of June, 1888.

On a preliminary inquiry the court, on the 27th day of June, 1892, found that the person alleged to have furnished the supplies, or stores, or from whom they were alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

The case was brought to a hearing on its merits on the 5th day of April, 1894.

George A. King, esq., appeared for claimant and the Attorney-General, by Samuel A. Putman, esq., his assistant, and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

The claimant in his petition makes the following allegations:

That the following property was taken from his intestate and used by the United States Army, the date, place, and command being particularly stated below:

In Lauderdale County, Ala., by Colonel Murphy's command, November, 1863:

1 iron-gray horse..... \$150.00
Taken in December, 1864, by General Wilson's and General Hatch's commands:

1 black mule.....	150.00
700 pounds bacon.....	175.00
100 bushels corn.....	100.00
2,000 pounds fodder.....	40.00
40 chickens.....	10.00
1 man's saddle.....	10.00
3 bushel pease.....	6.00
40 gallons molasses.....	40.00

Total..... 681.00

The court, upon the evidence and after considering the briefs and arguments of counsel on both sides, makes the following

FINDING OF FACT:

There were taken from Lemuel Coram, of Lauderdale County, Ala., now deceased, during the war for the suppression of the rebellion, by military authority for the use of the United States Army, stores and supplies consisting of 1 horse, 1 mule, bacon, corn, fodder, saddle, pease, and molasses, then reasonably worth the sum of three hundred and ninety-eight dollars (\$398), which does not appear to have been paid for.

No allowance is made for the chickens alleged to have been taken, as, if taken, was a depredation and without authority.

BY THE COURT.

Filed April 9, 1894.

A true copy.

Test this 27th day of January, 1896.

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.